

## BASEBALL REVIEW.

## An Important Meeting of the League to be Held.

## THE RACE FOR THE PENNANT.

What Will Become of the St. Louis Team—President A. G. Spalding's Return from Michigan

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A fortnight ago, your correspondent, in commenting upon the race for the League pennant, stated that the Detroit heavy hitters were still leading the other teams with a majority of three games; that Chicago was following with two more games to its credit than New York possessed, and that Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Kansas City and Washington were coming along in the order named. I have nothing different to say this week as to the position of the clubs, they being exactly as I have stated above. Since last writing you, however, the condition of things forecasted by the transfer of Dunlap from the St. Louis to the Detroit team, has about arrived. Mr. Lucas has virtually retired from the baseball arena by transferring his interest in the St. Louis club to one of the other directors, Mr. Esphenchied, and the eventual disbandment of the old Maroons, or at least a complete change in the management thereof, seems now but a question of time.

A special meeting of the League officers has been called for next Wednesday in the city, presumably to take action upon the situation, and what may be the outcome of that meeting, it is at this writing difficult to tell. As was the case when the famous Buffalo-Detroit deal was effected there is by no means a dearth of rumors, and it is not difficult to find any number of wiseacres who know and unhesitatingly predict the result. The St. Louis franchise, they say, will be purchased by the League and the Maroon players resold to the clubs who will pay the best price for them.

Another prediction is that the American Association ranks will be broken into by the admission of one of the latter clubs to fill the vacancy which will have been caused by the St. Louis disbandment, and Pittsburgh or the St. Louis Browns have been selected by the prophets as the clubs which will recede from the ranks of the younger association to join the League. The truth is that none of these things are at all likely to occur at present.

The most likely outcome of the retirement of Mr. Lucas is the purchase of his team's franchise by some syndicate who will play the team during the balance of this season and strengthen it this winter to represent the Mound City in the League next year. Should this not be soon, however, the franchise of the club will probably be purchased by some other club in the League, the best of the players transferred to the ranks of the purchasing club, under the auspices of which the Maroons—a little disfigured perhaps by the throats that will thus be made upon its ranks, but still capable of getting a nine together in the field—will finish the season.

However, nothing of a definite nature can be known until the club which is now in the hands of its recent purchaser, Mr. Esphenchied, has been disposed of, and such disposition will very likely take place within the next few days.

I met a St. Louis man last evening who is well posted upon baseball affairs in St. Louis, and asked his opinion concerning Mr. Lucas' action.

"Well," he said, "Lucas has unquestionably sold what interest he had in his team, and now that the management has passed from his hands nothing that may happen would surprise me."

"Who is this man Esphenchied?" I asked.

"A brother-in-law of Lucas, and a stockholder in the club."

"Is there any truth in the statement that the club property and franchise were mortgaged by Lucas to Esphenchied?"

"I do not think so. Esphenchied is a shrewd, sharp business man, and is interested in baseball simply for the amount of money he may be able to get out of it. He does not care a— for the game himself, and has invested no sentiment with his money. Now, Lucas, on the contrary, is no business man in my opinion. In fact, none of the Lucases, with the exception of Joe, and they were all left with a barrel of money to divide among themselves—have developed any very extraordinary ability, and my wonder is that they have kept their money as long as they have. Of course I do not know anything of a positive nature concerning the transfer of Lucas' stock to his brother-in-law, but I think that the two probably came together in a down-town hotel to talk matters over, and Lucas, in a spirit of disgust, said to Esphenchied, 'Give me \$20,000 and take the whole business.' This would have been just what Esphenchied desired for he was probably interested to the tune of a few thousand himself, and has all along been very leary of Henry's management of the club's affairs. So I take it that he jumped at the chance, through a desire to get complete control of the franchise and dispose of it to the best advantage. Of course I do not know that he paid \$20,000 for it, but he paid enough in my opinion to take all of his brother-in-law's interest."

"What are the prospects for another syndicate being formed in St. Louis to take possession of the franchise?"

"I think very good. We have several wealthy brewers who are deeply interested in the game, and they might be induced to take stock in a new organization. Then there are the street car people, who could well afford—considering that they carry to and from the park all the people who attend the games—to take a good big block of the stock. Indeed it would not be at all surprising to me were Esphenchied to find a purchaser for his team in St. Louis without going outside to do it."

The events of the next few days can scarcely fail to determine the question one way or the other. Chicago has lost two of its present series of three games with the Detroit sluggers, and should it lose

the entire series by losing's to-day's game, no one here would be surprised. Such a result would give the baseball prophets an almost limitless expanse of guessing grounds in their effort to pick the pennant winner. Chicago, though, has a few more games to play on its home grounds before going upon its final trip down east, and until these are played no one can tell what the finish of the schedule may bring.

## Notes.

Dunlap's official record up to August 6th, was .477; totals, .347; fielding, .919.

Anson is making almost as good a catcher as he is a first baseman, this season.

The latest betting is \$1 to 10 cents that Phil Powers will not last a month as a League umpire.

New York has run against a pretty tough opponent in the Phillies, dropping two out of three games.

Ewing has been doing great work with the bat. In six games up to August 18, he made 13 hits, with a total of 23.

Young Nash, of the Boston, leads that club both at the bat and in the field, with Sam Wise a good second.

Erasmus Wiman has been very much annoyed by the reports that he bought the Maroon franchise. He says he did not want it.

Gaffney's resignation as a League umpire has been accepted, and he has been installed as manager of the Washington club.

In the last twenty games played by the Boston, up to and including last Saturday, they have earned 75 runs to the 35 runs of their opponents.

Hines, the Washington's heavy batter, has made nine home runs this season, which is more than any player in the country has accomplished.

Up to August 18th, the clubs had won the following number of games on their own grounds: Detroit, 37, lost 6; New York, 34, 7; Chicago, 35, 9; Philadelphia, 29, 11; Boston, 20, 18; St. Louis, 13, 25; Washington, 10, 29; Kansas City, 8, 26.

Every time New York loses a game, Gothamites lay the fault at the pitcher's door. New York baseball reporters are responsible for much of this feeling, however, and it may be remarked here that what New York reporters do not know about baseball would fill a book.

President A. G. Spalding returned yesterday from Hastings, Michigan, where he has been personally adjusting the loss by fire of his large factory there. Fortunately the firm's warehouse, containing some \$40,000 worth of baseballs, bats, cricket and lawn tennis, outfits and other sporting goods was not burned, although badly scorched by the flames.

## THE FALL ELECTIONS.

The States and Dates Holding Elections This Fall.

Alabama elects State officials and Legislature August 2d, and voted upon two proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State. Elects Congressmen, November 2d.

Arkansas elects State officers and Legislature, September 6th; Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

California elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Colorado elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Connecticut elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Delaware elects Governor, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Florida elects Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d, and votes upon the proposed new Constitution of the State, which was framed by the convention which met in 1885.

Georgia elects State officers and Legislature, Oct. 6th; Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Illinois elects minor State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d, and votes upon a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State.

Indiana elects minor State officers and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Iowa elects minor State officers and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Kansas elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Kentucky elects Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Louisiana elects Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Maine elects Governor, Legislature and Congressmen, Sep. 13.

Maryland elects Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Massachusetts elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Michigan elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Minnesota elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d, and votes upon a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State to facilitate the erection of county and school buildings.

Mississippi elects Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Missouri elects Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Nebraska elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Nevada elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

New Hampshire elects Governor, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

New Jersey elects Governor, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

New York elects a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Assemblymen and Congressmen, Nov. 2d, and votes upon the question of holding a convention to revise the Constitution of the State.

North Carolina elects Justices of the Supreme Court, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Oregon elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, June 7.

Ohio elects minor State officers, and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Pennsylvania elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Rhode Island elects State officers and Legislature, April 7th, and ratified the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State, one of which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor, and the other admits foreign-born Union ex-soldiers and sailors to citizenship.

South Carolina elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Tennessee elects Judges of the Supreme Court, Aug. 3th. Elect Governor, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Texas elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Vermont elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Sep. 7.

Virginia elects Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

West Virginia elects Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

Wisconsin elects State officers, Legislature and Congressmen, Nov. 2d.

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